



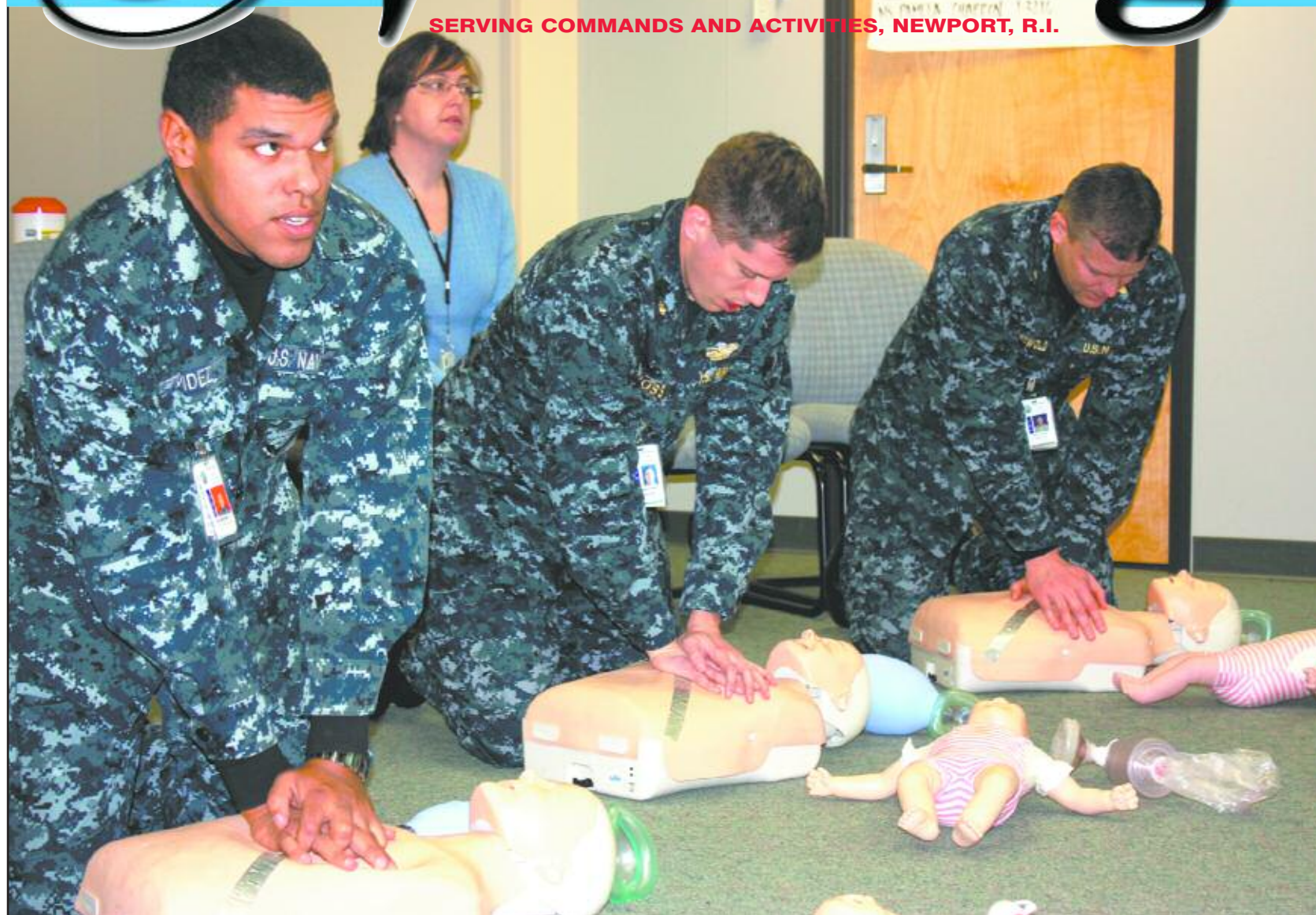
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Pressing business

From left, Hospitalman Terence Mendez; Lt. Cmdr. Bradley Ross, Navy Dental Corps; and Lt. Cmdr. Ryan Griswold, a Navy nurse practitioner, demonstrate chest compressions on patient dummies at Naval Health Clinic New England's Education and Training Department. The mandatory three-hour Basic Life Support class certifies Navy medical and dental staff for a two-year period.

Kathy MacKnight/U.S. Navy photo



OTCN changes command today

Capt. Kenneth L. Gray will be relieved as commanding officer in a change of command ceremony at Officer Training Command Newport today.

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Newport slaves learned skills

An African American History Month speaker says slaves in colonial Newport learned skilled trades to benefit the local economy.

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Students' robot shoots hoops

Aquidneck Island Robotics demonstrates its new basketball shooting robot at the Undersea Collaborative and Technical Outreach Center (UCTOC) in Building 8.

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Navy budget trimmed by \$1.4B

Leaner, more agile service is envisioned

From Department of the Navy

WASHINGTON (NNS) — President Barack Obama sent Congress a proposed defense budget of \$613.9 billion for fiscal 2013 on Feb. 13.

The request for the Department of Defense (DoD) includes \$525.4 billion in discretionary budget authority to fund base defense programs and \$88.5 billion to support Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO), primarily in Afghanistan.

Of the discretionary budget, \$155.9 billion represents the Department of the Navy's budget request. This is a decrease of \$1.4 billion from last year's baseline appropriation.

Rear Adm. Joseph Mulloy, deputy assistant secretary of the Navy for budget, briefed media at the Feb. 13 DoD budget press conference about the Navy portion of the budget.

Mulloy said that during budget deliberations, a premium was placed on the Navy's presence in the Asia-Pacific region and the Middle East and took into account innovative methods to generate more forward presence with a smaller and leaner force while retaining the ability to surge as needed. Following the Defense Strategic Guidance, Mulloy said Navy's budget was built by applying the tenets of warfighting first, operate forward, and be ready.

As a result, he believes the force will be leaner, agile, flexible, ready and technologically advanced while retaining core Navy-Marine Corps warfighting capabilities to operate forward, preserve the peace, respond to crises, and pro-



MC1 Peter D. Lawlor/U.S. Navy photo

Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. Jonathan Greenert testifies before the House Armed Services Committee regarding the fiscal year 2013 budget submission from the Department of Defense.

tect U.S. and allied interests.

The \$525.4 billion for the base DoD budget includes cuts and other initiatives that will reduce planned spending by \$259 billion over the next five years and \$487 billion over 10 years — levels that are consistent with the Budget Control Act. The budget adjusts programs that develop and procure military equipment; begins to re-size ground forces; slows the growth of compensation and benefit programs; continues to make better use of defense resources by reducing lower-priority programs, and restructures the defense organization to

achieve more efficient approaches to doing business.

Defense officials say the DoD budget request focuses on funding priorities for a 21st century defense that protects the country and sustains U.S. global leadership. It reflects the need for DoD and the military to adapt in order to proactively address the changing nature of the security environment and to reflect new fiscal realities.

Highlights of the Navy budget proposal include:

— Investment of approximately \$13 billion per year in shipbuilding, resulting in 41 new-construction ships across the Future Years

Defense Plan (FYDP). Although a decrease from the President's FY12 Budget, the investment strives to maintain a healthy industrial base to ensure future innovation and technological advantage.

— Overall battle force ships will be 284 in FY13. Shipbuilding budget changes will result in a Navy fleet size of more than 280 ships by the end of the five-year plan.

— The ordering date of the future John F. Kennedy (CVN 79) has not changed; signing of the detailed design and construction contract in FY13 will remain on schedule. The construction schedule will be moved back two years in order to decrease pressure on the shipbuilding budget without impacting force structure. CVN 79 is the numerical replacement for USS Nimitz (CVN 68) and will be delivered no later than 2022 in order to maintain the 11-carrier force structure.

— The department remains committed to a 55-ship LCS class. However, due to fiscal constraints, procurement has been slowed across the FYDP, reducing LCS by two ships, one of each variant.

— The first year of full funding for LHA 8 will be moved from FY16 to FY17. The impact is minimal since LHA 8 also has advance procurement funding in FY15 and FY16. Construction and delivery timelines are not affected. LHA 8 is anticipated to be operational approximately one year after delivery in the FY25 timeframe.

— Retirement of seven guided missile cruisers: USS Cowpens (CG 63), USS Anzio (CG 68), USS Vicksburg (CG 69), USS Port Royal (CG 73), in FY13; and USS Gettysburg (CG 64),

OTCN changes command today

Capt. Vernon P. Kemper will relieve Capt. Kenneth L. Gray as Commanding Officer, Officer Training Command Newport (OTCN) in a traditional Change of Command ceremony today at 10 a.m. at Kay Hall, Naval Station Newport.



Gray

Capt. Caroline Olinger, Chief of Staff, Naval Service Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill., will be the guest speaker.

Capt. Gray, who assumed command of OTCN in June 2010, will retire following the change of command, capping 28 years of distinguished naval service that began right here in Newport when he graduated Officer Candidate School (OCS) in May 1984. After his OCS graduation, Capt. Gray went on to attend nuclear power training and the completion of the Subma-

rine Officer Base Course. His last sea duty was command of the USS Hyman G. Rickover (SSN 709).

Since he assumed command of OTCN, Capt. Gray has led his staff of 106 officers, Sailors, Marines and civilian employees responsible for the education and training of over 3,000 Officer accession students annually. Under his command, the command achieved a 29 percent reduction in Officer Candidate School attrition.

He led efforts to upgrade the training environment including overseeing a \$1.3 million refurbishment of the Damage Control Wet Trainer, better known as "The Buttercup" and adding the High Ropes Confidence Course to the OCS training program.

Capt. Gray was also instrumental in improvements made to the training provided Officer Development School Students by adding the Immersive Naval Officer Training System to the curriculum.

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RIGHT: Keith Stokes, local historian on African American slaves in colonial Newport, explains how slaves were given a name based on the day of birth according to African tradition during Naval Station Newport's observance of African American History Month at the Naval War College last week. The naming tradition allowed slaves arriving from the West Indies and western and central Africa to maintain their culture.

LS1 John Stone/U.S. Navy photo

West African Day Naming Tradition



Quash (Kwasi) - For boys born on Sunday

Cudjo (Kojo) - For boys born on Monday

Quarco (Kwaku) - For boys born on Wednesday

Cuffe (Kofi) - For boys born on Friday

Quamino (Kwame) - For boys born on Saturday

Mimba/Mimbo - For girls born on Saturday

Juba (Ajoba) - For girls born on Monday

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- Cuffe Cockroach
- Cuffe Newport
- Quash Mowatt
- Quarko Malbone



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- Juba Ellery
- Cudjo Lopez
- Mimbo Oliver
- Quamino Brown



Get out and vote

Military members who have not registered to vote, still have the opportunity.

They can obtain assistance with registering to vote, apply for an absentee ballot, or get general voting information from the command voting assistance officer Navy Counselor 1st Class Zeporah Dasher at 841-6198; or email zeporah.dasher@navy.mil; or from the Federal Voting Assistance Program website at: <http://www.fvap.gov>

Military members may register and request a ballot for upcoming Presidential Primary (P) and/or State Primary (S). The easiest way to register is by using FVAP's online wizard through their website.

The March primaries: (30-day notice)

- Georgia (P): March 6
- Massachusetts (P): March 6
- Ohio (P,S): March 6
- Oklahoma (P): March 6
- Tennessee (P): March 6
- Vermont (P): March 6
- Virginia (P): March 6
- Alabama (P,S): March 13
- Mississippi (P,S): March 13
- Illinois (P,S): March 20
- Louisiana (P,S): March 24

The April primaries: (60-Day notice)

- District of Columbia (P, S): April 3
- Maryland (P, S): April 3
- Texas (P,S): April 3 (This is a change, the election was originally scheduled March 6)
- Wisconsin (P): April 3
- Alabama (Primary Runoff): April 24
- Connecticut (P): April 24
- Delaware (P): April 24
- New York (P): April 24
- Pennsylvania (P,S): April 24
- Rhode Island (P): April 24

Colonial Newport slaves skilled

By **BOB KREKORIAN**

NAVSTA Public Affairs Staff

Many of the young African American slaves who were brought to early colonial Newport in the ships of the Triangle Trade survived long enough to become artisans with skills that supported the rum distillery economy that made fortunes for their white masters.

Keith Stokes, a local historian on African Americans in Rhode Island and the role they played in the

commerce of sugar, molasses and rum, was the guest speaker at Naval Station Newport's observance of African American History Month on Feb. 15 at the Naval War College (NWC).

Stokes is the Executive Director of the Rhode Island Economic Development Corp., and the former Executive Director of the Newport County Chamber of Commerce.

"When we talk about the history of African Americans, we are not talking about the European migra-

tion to America, but the arrival, under the most horrific circumstances of forced migration, from Africa," Stokes said.

"Africans arrived as chattel property," he said.

The New England colonies in Rhode Island and Massachusetts played a major role in the Triangle Trade from the 15th through the 18th centuries. The Triangle Trade was formed by three routes that formed a triangle in which rum from the New England colonies was shipped to the

West Indies.

In the West Indies, sugar and molasses were picked up and shipped to the western coast of Africa with the rum along with other products. The rum was traded for slaves from central and western Africa who were shipped to the West Indies and the New England colonies.

Quoting what his grandmother told him about the history of African Ameri-

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Supply ensigns learn division officer basics

By LT. STEVEN GONZALEZ
SWOS Public Affairs Office

The Surface Warfare Officers School (SWOS) graduated its first Navy Supply Corps students from the Surface Warfare Officer introduction (SWO Intro) course during a ceremony onboard Naval Station (NAVSTA) Newport on Feb. 10.

Ensigns Wesley W. Singer, Samuel Shorts and Emily J. Hawkins earned the distinction as the first Supply Corps officers to graduate from SWOS.

Ensign Singer was recognized as Class 12050's distinguished honor graduate. He will report to Basic Qualification Course at Navy Supply Corps School here at NAVSTA.

Designed to prepare newly-commissioned ensigns for their duties as division officers at sea the three-week course uses a

blended learning solution of instructor-led classroom instruction, hands-on and computer-based training to teach students the fundamentals of division officer administration, maritime warfare, damage control, engineering, navigation, seamanship and ship handling.

Students also use the Conning Officer Virtual Environment (COVE) simulator to gain a greater understanding of ship handling.

"The COVE stations provide state of the art navigation and ship handling training. They can reproduce every one of the U.S. Navy's homeports in addition to almost every routine port of call around the world," said Stanley Laverder, SWOS Director of Trainers and Simulation.

"Our goal has been to prepare you to begin training on your respective



Lt. Steven Gonzalez/U.S. Navy photo

Capt. Neil Parrott, right, SWOS Commanding Officer, congratulates Ensign Wesley W. Singer, the Surface Warfare Officer Introduction Class 12050 distinguished graduate. He next will attend the Basic Qualification Course at Navy Supply Corps School.

ships, knowing the terms, and becoming familiar with upcoming expectations in the job. I ask you to remember that there are no magic wands that would ever give you 100 percent of

the knowledge you will need or tell you everything you're expected to know for success out there," said Neil Parrott, SWOS Commanding Officer, during the ceremony.

James Keith to retire at Personal Property

James Keith, assistant household goods shipment counselor at the Joint Personal Property Shipping Office, Detachment 2, Newport, in Building 690, will retire Feb. 28 after nearly 30 years of dedicated civil service.



Keith

Keith started as a freight rate specialist at Contracting Division for the U.S. Air Force in Hartford, Conn., in September 1982. In 1983 he transferred to the Naval Construction Battalion (NCB) in Davisville, R.I., again serving as a freight rate specialist. It was the second time Keith had been assigned to Davisville.

Originally from Great Bend, Kan., he first came to the Ocean State in 1965 to

attend Seabee training prior to shipping out for three separate tours to Vietnam as a heavy vehicle equipment operator with Naval Construction Battalions, finishing his enlistment in 1969.

Keith came to Newport in 1991 when NCB Davisville closed and he was hired by the Personal Property Office onboard Naval Station Newport. It was then the Naval Education and Training Center, where he began work as a transportation assistant household goods damage claims examiner.

In July 2001, he moved within the same office to transportation assistant household goods shipment counselor.

Keith said he leaves Personal Property with mixed feelings. While he is excited about retiring and starting a new life, he is also sad about leaving a group of people who have become extended family to him.

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Naval Health Clinic New England



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Naval Health Clinic New England corpsmen participate in the Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TCCC) course at Camp Fogarty in Rhode Island to hone battle-field skills. The corpsmen spend four days in the field and classroom perfecting life-saving skills and using state-of-the-art equipment. Survival rates of combat wounded increase dramatically if injuries are stabilized on the battle-field. The training is mandatory for pre-deployment.

Dental care good benefit for retirees

By DOUG SCHOBEL
Senior marketing representative, Marketing & Communications, North East Region & Overseas, Delta Dental

The TRICARE Retiree Dental Program (TRDP) is available to all military retirees (including retirees who were traditional National Guard or Reserve) and their eligible family members, un-remarried surviving spouses and their eligible children, as well as Medal of Honor (MOH) recipients and their eligible immediate family members.

The program covers cleanings, exams, fillings, root canals, gum surgery, oral surgery and dental accidents on the first day

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March 2012 NAVAL HEALTH CLINIC NEW ENGLAND HEALTH PROMOTIONS/WELLNESS CLINIC NMCPHC Monthly Observance: "National Nutrition Month"	
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Announcements

Navy-wide security drill coming in March

Exercise Solid Curtain/Citadel Shield 2012 will be a major annual Navy-wide exercise on March 20-24. It is designed to enhance the training and readiness of Navy security forces to respond to threats to installations and units.

Solid Curtain/Citadel Shield is not in response to any specific threat. Note that this years' training will have a major impact on operations onboard the installation beginning at noon on March 22 through noon on March 24.

Continue to read this publication for more information on this exercise.

Loud speaker testing

A test of the Mass Notification System, or "Giant Voice," will continue each Wednesday at noon for the next several weeks, leading up to Solid Curtain/Citadel Shield, March 20-24.

The following is a sample of the script: "Attention Naval Station Newport...Attention Naval Station Newport. The following is a test of the Mass Notification system Exercise, Exercise, Exercise."

A siren will sound, then the "all clear"

tone will be given. The script ends with, "This is only a test."

E-6 Exam set March 1

The Naval Station Newport E-6 Examination is scheduled for March 1 from 7 to 11 a.m. at the Officers' Club. All candidates are required to be in their assigned seats by 7 a.m. and the exam will begin promptly at 7:30 a.m.

Petty officers must be wearing the Uniform of the Day and have a valid military identification card. Questions can be directed to Jim Telford at (401)841-7791.

NMCRS fund drive begins on March 1

Rear Adm. John Christenson, President of the Naval War College, will officially kick off the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Fund Drive in the Building 690 atrium on Thursday, March 1, at noon.

The 2012 active duty drive will be conducted March 1-31 onboard all Navy and Marine Corps installations. The kick-off event is open to anyone with routine base access. Come and show your support for this fantastic organization.

Call Chief Hospital Corpsman Thomas

Smalls, NMCRS Fund Drive coordinator, 841-2099 for information.

Pedestrians, joggers, cyclists must take care

There has been an increase in reports regarding a serious safety issue on and around the installation. Joggers are not wearing appropriate reflective gear at sunrise and sunset and it is difficult for motorists to see them.

Reflective vests and belts are available for purchase at the Navy Exchange and Clothing Sales store.

Military OneSource here

The Rhode Island representative from Military OneSource is available every Monday, from 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m., in the former Navy College Office, Building 690. Call Navy Counselor 1st Class Zeporah Dasher at 841-6198 for information.

Veterinary Clinic hours

The Army Veterinary Clinic at the Leisure Bay Recreation facility is open for walk-in appointments the first Friday of every month. Veterinary services are for active duty and retirees only.

The clinic will be open for walk-ins on Friday, March 2, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call the Subase New London Veterinary Clinic at (860) 694-4291 for more information.

Indoctrination class source of information

The Naval Station (NAVSTA) Newport Command Indoctrination class is scheduled for Feb. 28 and 29, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Perry Hall Auditorium. All newly reported military and civilian personnel are invited to attend.

Forward the names of your newly reported members who will attend ASAP to the NAVSTA command career counselor, Navy Counselor 1st Class Zeporah Dasher at 841-6198.

Nominees sought for WAVES honor

Nomination packets for the Rhode Island Military Woman of the Year award program are being sought by the R.I. WAVES National, Ocean State Unit 118. Nomination packets should be electronically forwarded to unit President, Shirley Hill at s.hill8@cox.net by March 15.

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You can learn to be assertive in office

EDITOR'S NOTE: Some of the Fleet and Family Support Center workshops and meetings require registration. Call 841-2283.

FFSC will sponsor a program on office assertiveness, called "Assertiveness in the Workplace," on Tuesday, Feb. 28, from 1 to 3 p.m.

The program will de-bunk commonly-held myths regarding assertiveness, and will provide skills to help you take better care of yourself, whether interacting with peers, supervisors, employees, friends, acquaintances or strangers.

Attendees also will learn how and when to use these skills. This session will include techniques to help you be more effective and confident in dealing with individuals who may be considered "difficult."

Here's a look ahead to upcoming workshops:

Stress – Too Many Balls in the Air. Tuesday, Feb. 29, 8 a.m. to noon.

Homebuyers' Workshop. Wednesday, Feb. 29, 6-8 p.m. Registration is required.

Bravo zulu



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Capt. Dana Weiner, far left, Commanding Officer of the Center for Service Support, presents several awards to CSS staff during an all-hands call Feb. 7 at the command's headquarters across from the Surface Warfare Officers School. From left after Weiner, are Carlton Cherrigan, Vaughn Withers, Jane Richardson, Gail Parola, Cheri McCra, Jackie Cayer, Dawn Rooney and Terry Sportelli. Back row, Mike Buechel, Victoria Miklos, LSC (SW) Tony Gramentz, MUCS Jay Loose and Andy Robillard.

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Special events

Women's History Month

A Women's History Month observance will be held at the Navy Supply Corps School on Wednesday, March 7, at noon. Call 841-2201 for information.

Military jurors wanted

New judge advocates from the Navy and Marine Corps will be testing their trial advocacy skills in mock trials held at the Naval Justice School (Building 360), March 26-28.

The school is looking for individuals to serve as mock court-martial members—equivalent to civilian jury members. It is an opportunity to see the military justice system in action, and it helps the students to have "strangers" in the jury box.

Potential jurors should be military members from E-1 to O-10, civilians who have permission from supervisors, and spouses who would like to volunteer.

Participation in one trial will take approximately half a day, from 7:30-11:30 a.m. or 12:30-4:30 p.m. There are two separate trials going on each of the three days for a total of six.

Members can volunteer for one trial or multiple trials depending on availability. Anyone who is interested in volunteering should contact Capt. Jerry Harre at jerry.harre@navy.mil or (401) 841-3800 ext.167.

Boot Camp Breakfast

MIDDLETOWN — The R.I. Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Lawson-Raiola Chapter 15 will hold a

"Boot Camp Breakfast" on Saturday, March 10, from 8:30-10 a.m., at the Middletown VFW Post at 52 Underwood Lane.

The event will include a DAV national service officer to answer questions or concerns about benefits, and filing a claim. All veterans and disabled American veterans are invited to attend. The charge is \$6 per person.

Reservations are required by Saturday, March 3, to Mike Minutelli, 32 Platt St., Bristol, R.I. 02809; or call 253-9036.

Last Girl Scout cookies

The final Girl Scout Troop 725 cookie sale will be held at the Newport Commissary on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 841-2111 for more information.

CNW graduation slated

The College of Naval Warfare graduation will be held in Spruance Hall auditorium at the Naval War College on Tuesday, Feb. 28, 11 a.m.

Weakley Hall renamed

The Surface Warfare Officers School Command will hold a SWOS Department Head graduation for Class 215 followed by the dedication of the Weakley Hall auditorium in honor of retired Adm. Mike Mullen on March 1 at 10 a.m.

Mullen, former Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff and Chief of Naval Operations, is expected to attend. Call Colleen Bigelow at 841-3596 for more information.

Winter Festival winds up

The Newport Winter Festival winds up Sunday, finishing 150 events over 10 days.

For more information, or to purchase tickets and Newport Winter Festival discount admission buttons, visit www.newportevents.com/winter-fest. Discount tickets for the Newport Winter Festival can be purchased at the ITT office, 841-3611.

Women's retreat set

EXETER — A women's retreat, hosted by the Chaplains Religious Enrichment Development Operation (CREDO), Northeast, and the Protestant Women of the Chapel (PWOC), will take place, March 23-25, at Camp Canonicus, 54 Exeter Road.

The point of contact is Chaplain Lt. (j.g.) Roilynn Williams at Roilynn.williams@navy.mil or 860-694-1144.


Upcoming:

March 2 – March is National Colorectal Cancer Awareness month and you can raise awareness about colon cancer by dressing in blue next Friday.

This is a good day to get out and get people talking about the disease. Go to <http://www.ccalliance.org/dressinblueday/index.html> or call April Childs, Public Health Educator, at 841-6774 for more information.

March 6 – Massachusetts Presidential Primary.

March 7 – Monthly College Information Session, Building 690 atrium, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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BOWLING CENTER	1-8 p.m.	11 a.m.-8 p.m. HOLIDAYS 12-6	11 a.m.-8 p.m.	11 a.m.-8 p.m.	11 a.m.-8 p.m.	11 a.m.-10 p.m.	1-11 p.m.
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Aquidneck Island Robotics demonstrates Striker Mk. III

MIDDLETOWN — Striker Mk. III, a basketball shooting robot created by the Aquidneck Island Robotics (AIR) club, demonstrated its talent for about 100 people



Blight

last Monday at the Undersea Collaborative and Technical Outreach Center (UCTOC) in Building 80 at the Naval Undersea Warfare Center (NUWC) Division, Newport.

The robot, which will compete in 2012 FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC), is the result of six weeks of work from the 35 students and 30 adult volunteers on Team 78, composed of 4-H Club members.

FIRST stands for For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology, and was founded in 1989 by Dean Kamen, inventor of the Segway.

Team 78 is sponsored by NUWC Division, Newport; the National Defense Education Program (NDEP), Raytheon Co.; BAE Systems; KVH; and jcpenny, who donate funds, tools and technical expertise.

The robot will compete in this year's game called, Rebound Rumble, which involves three-on-three robots shooting foam basketballs for top scores.

Rick Blight, NUWC engineer and AIR Striker Mk. III project manager, said the team will get its first test at the BAE Systems Granite State Regionals in Manchester, N.H., on March 2-4; and at the Boston FIRST Regionals on March 23-24.

The FIRST National competition will be April 25-28 at the Edwards Jones Dome in St. Louis, Mo.

The mission of AIR is to



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Aquidneck Island Robotics' robot, Striker Mk. III, fires foam basketballs at the net, rear, in a demonstration on Monday at Building 80, Naval Undersea Warfare Center Division, Newport.

teach local youth the and math (STEM) subjects importance of science, through highly interactive technology, engineering, robotics competitions.

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The kid's movie on Saturday, Feb. 25, will be *Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked* (G). On Saturday, March 3, the movie is, *Happy Feet 2* (PG).

Grown up movies are Thursdays at 6 p.m. The March 1 movie is, *J. Edgar* (R); and on Thursday, March 15, the movie is, *Tower Heist* (PG-13).

Popcorn and candy are available for \$1 each. Children's meals will be available an hour before and after the movie for \$3 to

\$4.25 each. The regular menu is also available.

Special fitness activities

(Gym 109, 841-3154)

• **February is American Heart Month.** Learn about simple and easy lifestyle changes, including eating smarter and healthier, that will benefit your heart's health. The R.I. Blood Center will sponsor a blood drive on Monday from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.,

• **PRT Fit Camp** from March 12 to April 6. This program is designed to help you improve your PRT scores! Two sessions a week, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11:30 a.m.

Register by March 9 to ensure a spot. For more information call Ruthie Giardino at 841-7355 or ruth.giardino@navy.mil

• **Mission Nutrition**

Course will be March 13 and 14 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Learn the basic principles of good nutrition.

Topics covered will include reading food labels, eating strategies on travel and on ship, the facts on carbohydrates, fats and proteins in simple terms and how to properly fuel the body.

Space is limited so register before March 9. For more information call Pat Mahoney at 841-7355 or

patrick.mahoney1@navy.mil.

Liberty Center (Recreation Center Building 656, 841-3054)

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This facility is alcohol-free and is only open to active duty military personnel and reservists who are

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February events

Tonight – Billiards Tournament, with prizes, 6 p.m.
Feb. 25 – Mt. Wachusett ski trip, sign up early.

Feb. 26 – Texas Hold'em Tournament, with prizes, 6 p.m.

Feb. 27 – Ping-Pong Tournament with prizes, 6 p.m.

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Sports

NAPS women split in weekend games

The Naval Academy Prep School women's basketball team won one and lost one over the long three day Presidents Day weekend.

The Rams, in two home stands at Gym 302, con-

trolled Bristol, R.I., Community College, 56-41, on Feb. 18; but lost to a tough Tabor Academy squad from Marion, Mass., 71-40, on Feb. 20.

Against Bristol, the Navy charge was ignited by point guard April Bernal who led the Rams in scoring with a team-high and game-high 20 points, of which 18 came in the first half.

"Our opponent made a run at us in the second half to get the score to just 10 points but, we were able to play good solid pressure man to man defense to stop their momentum," said Head Coach Karen Byrne.

Against Tabor Academy, the Rams put up a better effort the second time this season, but the visitors were too tough and deep.

Bernal handled the ball 99 percent of the time and scored 21 points, many from the charity stripe.

Intramural basketball

The Naval Station Intramural Basketball league standings and results as of Week 5 follow:

Hustlas.....	7-0
Marines.....	7-1
Lights Out.....	7-1
NUWC.....	4-1
NSCS Students.....	5-3
Blitzkrieg.....	4-3
NSCS Staff.....	4-3
MAWS.....	4-3
Army.....	3-3
ATLIS.....	3-5
ANT Bristol.....	2-5
Old Guys.....	2-5
Puddle Pirates.....	2-6
Joint War.....	1-6

Results Feb. 13

Blitzkrieg def. ALTIS, 48-41
ANT Bristol def. MAWS, 49-44
Lights Out def. Army, 85-34

Feb. 14

Hustlas def. Joint War, 50-20
Marines def. Puddle Pirates, 65-29
NSCS Staff def. SWOS, 56-46

Feb. 15

NSCS def. ANT Bristol, 41-31
Lights Out def. MAWS, 38-34
NUWC def. Blitzkrieg, 40-35

Feb. 16

Old Guys def. SWOS, 42-39
NSCS Students def. NSCS Staff, 56-50
Hustlas def. DH216, 74-31

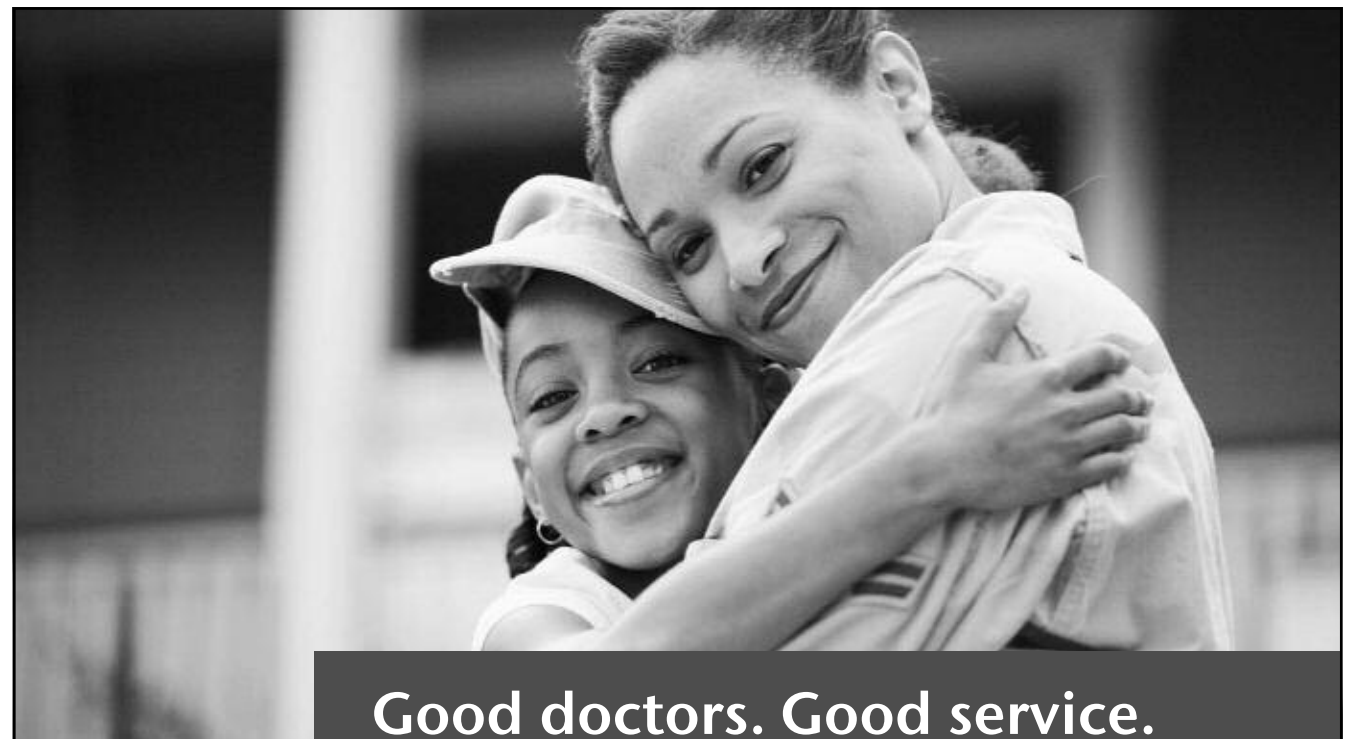
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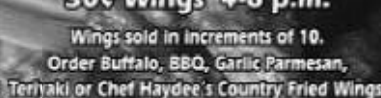
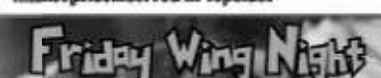
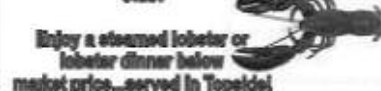
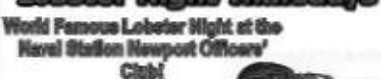
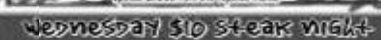
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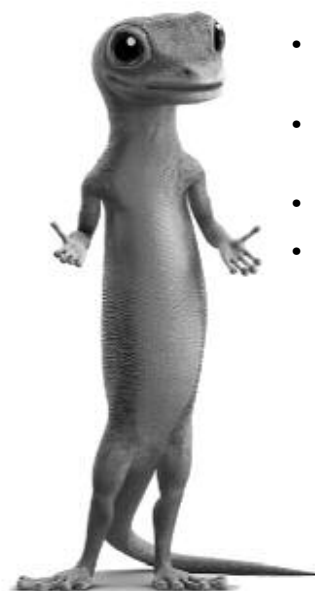
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Black History

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cans, Stokes said "slavery is about how we arrived in America; it does not tell us about who we are as a people."

Stokes' research showed that during the 17th and 18th centuries, one in four families in colonial Newport owned at least one slave. "A third of the population in Newport was African," he said.

Stokes and his wife, Theresa Guzman Stokes, have examined the lives of many African American slaves in colonial Newport through diaries and journals, and the reading of headstone markers of more than 300 slaves who were buried in a section of the Common Burying Ground, known as "God's Little Acre," off Farewell Street, in Newport.

"When you look at people and places in history the things they did were based on common sense and the technology that was available to them," Stokes said.

Stokes said that slaves

arriving in the New England colonies did not arrive in a 19th century Southern antebellum agricultural based economy. "Most African Americans arriving in America tend to be associated with the southern colonies," Stokes said.

Stokes said the life of African Americans in the antebellum south was accurately described in the novel, *Roots*.

"We didn't have an agricultural based economy here in New England," Stokes said. The colonial New England environment was one of bad soil and seasonal weather that brought unpredictable weather.

"Since there were no tobacco fields in neither Middletown nor cotton plantations in Newport, slaves here were able to build and design things that had added value," Stokes said. African American slaves in colonial Newport mixed sugar and molasses to make rum and developed important skills

that supported the local rum economy.

Although the life of an African American in colonial Newport was dictated by a master, the economy and geographic location favored the very young slaves who could develop skills that were valuable to the owners of the 24 rum distilleries along Thames Street that created their wealth.

Young African Americans in Newport starting at age 12 became rope makers, candle makers, carpenters, barrel makers, caterers, and rum makers.

Another opportunity that existed in colonial Newport for African Americans was the practice of religion in the Rhode Island colony that was founded on religious toleration.

"Many of the children who arrived in the slave ships lived in the same household with their master's family and practiced the same religion," Stokes said.

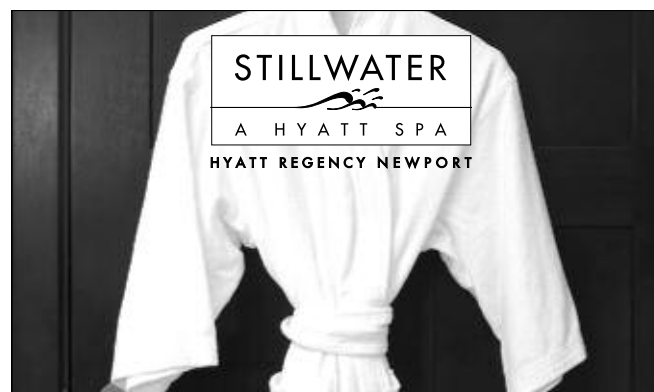
"The opportunity for

African Americans in colonial Newport to learn an artisan skill, cohabitate with their masters, and have access to religion existed nowhere else in colonial America," Stokes said.

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February is African American/Black History Month. This photo from the slide series, 'Pictures of African Americans During World War II,' shows from left, Hospital Apprentices 2nd Class Ruth C. Isaacs, Katherine Horton and Inez Paterson who were the first Negro WAVES to enter the Hospital Corps School at National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Md., on March 2, 1945.

Budget

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USS Chosin (CG 65) and USS Hue City (CG 66) in FY14. Two Amphibious Dock Landing Ships will also be retired during the FYDP: USS Whidbey Island (LSD 41) and USS Tortuga (LSD 46). All nine ships will be retired before the end of their service lives which is consistent with working more efficiently and cost-effectively in this resource-constrained environment.

— Support for development efforts for the Ohio class replacement program continue, but at reduced levels. Virginia class procurement was reduced in the FYDP from 10 SSNs to nine (delayed procurement of 1 SSN from FY14 to FY18). To mitigate the large undersea strike capacity lost when SSGN retires in 2026-2028, the Navy is investing in research and development for the Virginia Payload Module.

— The Department continues to procure aircraft at sufficient levels to meet

fielding and combat requirements with manageable risk (765 aircraft across the FYDP). However, many programs have been delayed or reduced. Joint Strike Fighters (F-35 B/C) are reduced by nearly 50 percent across the FYDP (21 F-35B and 48 F-35C models reduced). Additional reductions include P-8A, MV-22B, MH-60R, and KC-130J.

— While funding for unmanned aerial vehicles has been reduced, it remains robust despite a delay in the Unmanned Carrier Launched Airborne Surveillance and Strike program and termination of the Medium Range Maritime Unmanned Aerial System.

— The proposed budget protects development of new sea-based intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance (ISR) systems and other maritime capabilities (Fire Scout, Small Tactical Unmanned Air System, and Broad Area Mar-

itime Surveillance).

— The budget proposal reflects the department's commitment to taking care of its Sailors, Marines, Civilians and their families and continues the investments needed to ensure they remain the world's premier maritime force. A 1.7 percent military basic pay increase that reflects the economic conditions of the country is proposed in FY13 and FY14. Pay growth is slowed in FY15 and beyond over the FYDP to achieve more control over personnel costs while also keeping pay competitive.

The separate OCO budget totals \$88.5 billion, \$26.6 billion below the fiscal 2012 enacted budget of \$115.1 billion. The proposed budget reflects the withdrawal of combat troops from Iraq in December 2011, as well as savings due to operational progress in Afghanistan and the transition to Afghan responsibility for security.

Dental

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